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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Mr. John Stark, Director of the Joint Economic Committee, on 14 July 1973**

1. Mr. Stark called at the request of the Committee to pass on a request that I follow up the study they have already conducted on the Soviet economy with public testimony later this coming week. I indicated that I did not think it a very wise action as I was not yet confirmed. He stated he understood my problem and said that they might come back to me later. He said they would be particularly interested in how the economic developments and relationships between the U. S. and USSR might relate to possible military activities and comparative strengths in the future.

2. We left it that he would report my problem about testimony next week to his Committee and that he might be back in touch with me later. I stressed my interest in keeping the intelligence community out of the newspapers and my own need for some homework on the subject of economics before I was prepared to testify. (I certainly would hope any later arrangements would be in executive session, if at all.)

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